

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections. Examiner has previously objected to numerous claim informalities. Applicant apologizes for those informalities and has corrected or cancelled the appropriate claims. Claim 23 has been amended to change "said motion sensor" to "position sensor" which is supported with antecedent basis.

#### 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-11, 14, 16-17, 21, 23, 25, 27-29, 31 and 33-36 are rejected as anticipated by Ng (US Patent No. 5,820,623). Applicant has cancelled all objected to claims save claim 23. Applicant has corrected the informality issue in claim 23, and has amended the claim to provide sufficient novelty to overcome Ng. Specifically the effector has been identified as a "therapy head." The therapy head includes detail of construction and design not present in Ng or any other prior art reference. The interaction between the therapy head and the robotic arm in the form of an electronic data chip used to provide movement and control instructions to the controller are also added. The amended claim is fully supported by the language of the specification as originally filed and no new matter has been added.

Claim 23 has been clarified to indicate the robotic arm of the apparatus is designed to move a therapy head over the patient skin surface, thus the arm is not designed or intended for surgical (internal) or minimally invasive medical procedures such as Ng is clearly designed for.

All other claim rejections refer to claims which are now cancelled and therefore the objections are moot.

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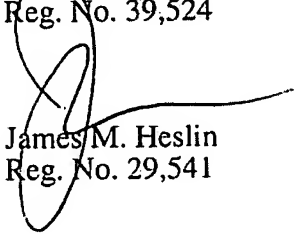
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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